**Which is best for the features you want**

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| **Feature you want** | **What to Get** |
| Long Battery life | E-Ink eBook (last weeks) |
| Clearest text | E-ink eBook |
| Other uses – eg games, internet | Tablet, smartphone |
| Read in the dark, dim lighting | eBook Reader with back lighting, a tablet or smartphone |
| Touch screen or buttons | Personal taste. Buttons fine for eBook Readers |
| Low Weight | eBook Reader, smartphone. Tablets are heavier the larger they are. |
| Extra storage | Some eBook Readers and Android tablets will take micro SD cards |
| Media Players | Some eBook Readers (painful). Tablets and smartphones would be far superior. |
| Internet and emails | Tablet, smartphone |
| Low Cost | eBook Reader, cheap Android tablet or smartphone |

**Ebook reader – Tablet comparison**

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| **Feature** | **Ebook** | **Tablet / smartphone** |
| Good Battery life | Weeks (if e-ink) | Hours |
| Versatility | Poor | V. Good |
| Crispest text | E-Ink excellent | High resolution ($) tablets very good. |
| Read in the dark or dim lighting | Backlit are very good | V. Good |
| Internet connection | Yes, limited | Yes |
| Touch screen | Some | All |
| Weight | Lightest | OK. Larger are heavier |
| Extra storage - micro SD card | Some | Most Androids |
| Media Players | Some but so-so | Best |
| Internet and emails | Painful | Excellent |
| Cost | Low - Med | Low - Med - High |

Note: The above are the humble opinions of Keith. You really need to have a play with each and then weigh up your needs, uses and budget. Sometimes the best option might be to have a combination of ebook reader, tablet and smartphone.